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Dear Sir & Brother:

We were sincerely disheartened to learn of your adamant unwillingness to confer with us on LRB 4488/2, the proposed amendment to Wisconsin Statue 192.25 Railroad train crews.

Our disheartenment became even more abject when we reviewed the recommendation for amendment of s. 192.25 that your group is circulating. Some of your language is most heartening.

Unfortunately, the federal court has proscribed its use.

Nevertheless, we are always willing to meet and confer with anyone interested in promoting and protecting all of our working Brothers and Sisters on Wisconsin's railroads.

In closing, we must express, in absolute unequivocality, our unqualified unwillingness to endanger either another comrade's craft or employment.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this.

Kindest regards to you and all of our family members, coworkers, and comrades in your group.

Fraternally,

Thomas P. Dwyer II Director

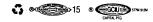
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united transportation union **Local 312**

February 22, 2000 W902 Fawn Drive Montello, WI 53949-7932

The Honorable David A. Brandemuehl 49th District, Wisconsin Assembly Chairperson, Committee on Transportation 317 North, State Capitol Post Office Box 8952 Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8952

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Steven M. & Luann Kasten

President





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united transportation union **Local 1293**

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Alternate Legislative Representative



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united transportation union Local 322

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Legislative Representative







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Alternate Legislative Representative







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*United transportation union*Local 583

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Craig Carl Peachy Sr. & Family

Legislative Representative







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Phillip L. Neuenfeldt, Secretary-Treasurer

FEB 23 2000

February 22, 2000

TO:

Members of the Legislature

FROM:

Phillip L. Neuenfeldt, Secretary - Treasurer

RE:

Legislation Related to Railroad Crews

There may be legislation circulated that would change current state law related to the composition of railroad crews.

We wanted to let you know that unions representing railroad workers are not in agreement on this legislation and that the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO opposes a change in current law under these conditions.

PN:JR cb, opeiu #9 AFL-CIO



FEB 25 2000

February 22, 2000 N5151 Conroy Drive Spooner, WI 54801-7632

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VJohn Thomas Larson Sr. & Family Alternate Legislative Representative





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The Honorable David A. Brandemuehl 49th District, Wisconsin Assembly Chairperson, Committee on Transportation 317 North, State Capitol Post Office Box 8952 Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8952

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Dear Representative Brandemuehl:

The Honorable Eugene H. Hahn is circulating legislation that will come before the Assembly Committee on Transportation. My family, my coworkers, and I, most respectfully request that you coauthor this legislative proposal, vote to send it from the transportation committee to the full Assembly, and vote for it when it comes before you on the floor of the Assembly.

The proposal is an amendment to Wisconsin Statute 192.25. When AB 35, now 192.25, came before your committee, it was voted out on a unanimous vote. It passed the Assembly on a unanimous roll call vote. It received the same full support in the other house of the Wisconsin Legislature – unanimous roll call votes in committee and on the floor. At that time we supported AB 35 because we believed that it mandated the presence of two (2) qualified railroad employes in the control cab compartment of all trains and engines moving throughout Wisconsin. To our amazement, and complete anguish, the Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads has ruled that it does not.

We feel that a one-person-control-cab-compartment crew is a dangerous, thoughtless, unsafe way to operate railroad trains. Doing so endangers railroad profitability, productivity, railroad employes, and the public required to interact with and live near Wisconsin railroad tracks and facilities. What happens in the case of human error or incapacitation? Who is in charge then? Who looks out for public safety then? What happens to our homes and our environment then? I do not want to work alone. I need help when I am on the job! I do not want to be held solely responsible for management greed and lack of judgment. I do not want to be injured or killed at work. My family wants me safe. No railroad employe wants to see our families, coworkers, friends and neighbors, placed in harms way by poor management judgment.

These are but a few of the reasons we respectfully request your assistance and support. Railroading is a dangerous operation. It involves moving heavy equipment, heavier loads, and hazardous materials. We do this at high speeds. We do it every day, all day, regardless of the weather. One oversight, one mistake, one incapacitation, could change Wisconsin, irreparably and forever. Please help us help ourselves. Please support Representative Hahn's amendment to 192.25. It will accomplish what we all thought we had accomplished when your committee and the Wisconsin Legislature passed AB 35.

We look forward to hearing from you in this regard. We have learned that we can count on you.

Thank you for your time and attention to this. Thanks too, for the leadership you provide in the Wisconsin Legislature!

Our kindest personal regards.

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EUGENE HAHN

State Representative • 47th Assembly District



Co-Chair:
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Tax Exemptions

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To:

Co-Sponsors of LRB-4488/2, relating to two-person train crews

From: Representative Eugene Hahn

Date: February 29, 2000

Re: Redrafted of LRB-4488

I have had the actual language of LRB-4488 redrafted to clarify the intent of this legislation. There was concern that the old language of LRB-4488 would leave an opening for remote controlled trains and this is simply not what I intended this legislation to do. The intent of LRB-4488, as you are aware of, is to close a loophole in Wisconsin State Statute 192.25. 192.25 was created to require all locomotives or trains that travel within Wisconsin to have two people in the lead engine's cab to increase railroad safety. Some train companies were interpreting the law to mean that one person had to be on the lead engine and the other could ride in the last unit of the train. This practice is not acceptable.

I am confident that the new language of LRB-4488 will close the loophole in 192.25 and eliminate the concerns that this legislation will allow for the use of remote controlled trains. Both the United Transportation Union (UTU) and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) are in support of this new language.

You will find copies of LRB-4488/2 and LRB-4488/3 attached. If you have problems with the language and want to be taken off as a co-sponsor, **please contact my office by 3:00 today**. In addition, my office will be contacting you regarding this matter. Thank you for your support on this crucial safety legislation.



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TRANSPORTATION POLITICAL EDUCATION LEAGUE

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February 9, 2000

The Honorable David A. Brandemuehl 49th District, Wisconsin Assemblu 317 North, State Capitol Post Office Box 8952 Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8952

Dear Representative Brandemuehl:

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Enclosed is a copy of bill draft LRB 4298/2 an amendment to Wisconsin Statute 192.25 Railroad train crews.

The United Transportation Union (UTU) Wisconsin Legislative Board (board) most respectfully requests that you coauthor and support LRB 4298/2 when it comes before you in the Wisconsin Assemblu.

In the 1996-97 legislative session the Assembly passed, on a vote of 97 - zero, Assembly Bill 35, now 192.25. We asked all Assemblypersons to support that bill. When we did, it was with the belief that it required two (2) qualified railroad employes in the locomotive control cab compartment of all trains moving throughout Wisconsin. Railroad train operations require constant vigilance and knowledgeable oversight by those involved. The burden of that responsibility is enormous. Every railroader charged with that responsibility would tell you so. That is why they know that they need to work together as a team. If one individual suffers a lapse of concentration, (We are all human.) or incapacitation, the other is present to compensate and ensure the continued smooth and safe operation.

Railroad workers protect railroad business, railroad property, and each other. They also protect every Wisconsin citizen. Railroading takes place in your (our) back yard. Because it does, how it is done is everyone's business. The Wisconsin Legislature and the governor agreed with that in 1997. AB 35 passed the Senate and the Assembly on unanimous votes 130 – zero – and the governor signed AB 35 into law, saying, "it makes good sense."

Recently the Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads ruled that 192.25 DOES NOT require the presence of two (2) qualified railroad employes in the locomotive control cab compartment of all trains and engines moving throughout Wisconsin. Wisconsin railroaders believe that this ruling creates an unsafe operating condition (one-person-head-endtrain-crews) and that it is counter to the intention of the Wisconsin Legislature and governors intentions when they passed and signed 192.25.

That is why we need your sponsorship and support - to ensure railroad operating safety and to ensure Railroad-Public Safety.

Please help us ensure every Wisconsin citizens well being. Please co-author and vote for LRB 4298/2 when it comes before you as a 1999 Wisconsin Assembly Bill. We know we can count on your support and we look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Thank you for your time and attention to this. Kindest personal regards.

. Dwyer II

Enclosure - LRB 4298/2 Cc: T.S. Deneen

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The Honorable David A. Brandemuehl 49th Wisconsin Assembly District Representative 317 North, State Capitol Post Office Box 8952 Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8952

Dear Representative Brandemuehl:

Attached you will find a copy of **LRB 4298/2**, a bill draft to amend <u>Wisconsin Statute 192.25 Railroad train crews</u>. The United Transportation Union (UTU) supports this proposal because the Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads has ruled that 192.25 <u>does not</u> require two (2) qualified railroad employes in the control cab compartment of all trains and engines moving throughout Wisconsin.

The UTU, a railroad labor organization of the people who maneuver the trains and engines operating throughout Wisconsin, unequivocally supports LRB 4298/2 because we know that one-person-control-cab-compartment-crews are inherently unsafe and endanger railroad productivity, property, employes, and Wisconsin citizens living near and interacting daily with Wisconsin's railroads. If there is equipment failure, if there is human mental error or physical incapacitation, if there is railroad operating environmental danger, one person may not have the wherewithal or the opportunity to ensure that the safe course is taken or have time to determine that an adverse condition exists.

When 192.25 (AB 35) was first before you, the UTU believed that it did, in fact, mandate two (2) qualified railroad employes in the control cab compartment of all trains and engines moving throughout Wisconsin. That is why we so wholeheartedly supported it. We thought that 192.25 ensured the dual vigilance of a two-person-head-end-control-cab-compartment-crew. Two people doubles the reality of proper crew vigilance and immediate action relative to railroad productivity, profitability, and Railroad-Public Safety.

Railroad-Public Safety is vital to the health and welfare of every Wisconsin citizen because railroading takes place in the back yards and playgrounds of every Wisconsin citizen. **Railroad-Public Safety** is vital to every Wisconsin railroad family. These families must bear the burden of responsibility when things go wrong on the job and in our back yards and on our playgrounds. We are the people held accountable, not only for our own errors, but also for the errors made by railroad management. We shoulder the blame without having any input and that is why we need your help.

We all rely upon you, as our elected representative to make the right decision(s) about how to govern best. We put our trust in you when we elect you and we then respect and accept the decisions you make on our behalf. Please do the same for us. We are, based upon our years of railroad experience, telling you that one person, alone, in control of a train, is an unsafe, unwise railroad operating practice. We are, based upon our years of railroad experience and our concern for our families, our friends and neighbors, our great state environment ("Escape to Wisconsin") and our railroads, asking you to do as you did when you enacted 192.25. Vote for **Railroad-Public Safety** and for Wisconsin.

Please sign onto LRB 4298/2 as a coauthor, and please vote for LRB 4298/2 when it comes before you as an assembly bill on the floor of the assembly. We look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this vital issue of government oversight and Wisconsin Railroad-Public Safety.

Kindest personal regards.

Gratefully yours,
Thomas P. Dwyer II
Director

Timothy S. Deneen Assistant Director

Cc: R.L. LaGesse

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1999 BILL

Provided For Your Information By:

Tom Dwyer, Director Wisconsin Legislative Board United Transportation Union 7 N. Pinckney Street Madison, Wi 53703 (608) 251-4120

AN ACT to amend 192.25 (2) of the statutes; relating to: the minimum number

of railroad employees required to be present in the locomotive cab when the

3 locomotive is in motion.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits any railroad train or locomotive from operating in this state unless the crew consists of at least two qualified persons. A locomotive engineer must operate the control locomotive at all times that the railroad train or locomotive is in motion. The other crew member may dismount the railroad train or locomotive when necessary to perform switching activities and other duties in the course of his or her job.

This bill requires that the two qualified crew members be present in the cab of the control locomotive at all times that the railroad train or locomotive is in motion.

The commissioner of railroads may grant exceptions to these requirements, if the exceptions will not endanger life or property.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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192.25 (2) No person operating or controlling any railroad, as defined in s. 85.01 (5), may allow the operation of any railroad train or locomotive in this state unless the railroad train or locomotive has a crew of at least 2 individuals present in the compartment of the locomotive from which the propelling power and power brakes of the train or locomotive are manually controlled. One of the individuals shall be a certified railroad locomotive engineer. The other individual shall be either a certified railroad locomotive engineer or a qualified railroad trainman. A certified railroad locomotive engineer shall operate the control locomotive at all times that the railroad train or locomotive is in motion. The other crew member shall be present in the compartment at all times that the railroad train or locomotive is in motion, but may dismount the railroad train or locomotive when necessary to perform switching activities and other duties in the course of his or her job.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to railroad trains or locomotives operated on July 1, 2000.

(END)

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

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The Honorable Gene Hahn 47th District, Wisconsin Assembly 15 West, State Capitol Post Office Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Representative Hahn:

On the issue of LRB 4488/2 Two-Person Train Crew bill the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is submitting language that is acceptable to our organization and which retains the intent of 192.25. Your Staff person Mike advised that in committee the language could be restructured to delete manual control, and insert the word operated. This is not satisfactory from our standpoint. We believe that our language gives a more definitive scope to the amendments wording. It protects the status quo of both the United Transportation's Members and those of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

This organization cannot support the proposed amendment as written because of the ambiguous language. We believe that this proposed amendment should go back to the Legislative Reference Bureau for revision to preclude wording that is unnecessary and divisive.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) is the certified representative for all locomotive engineers in Wisconsin and all the major railroads in the United States and Canada. The BLE is requesting that you oppose LRB-4298/2 and LRB-4488/2 because these amendments to 192.25 will not make railroads safer. These amendments are being promoted by the United Transportation Union (UTU) as a means to make §192.25 work as the 1997-1998 Legislature intended. The amendments do nothing of the kind and these are the reasons why this so.

The UTU amendment to 192.25 will undermine the intent of the original Assembly Bill (AB 35) that was fully supported by the 1997-1998 Legislature. That law not only addressed the need for two persons on a train, but also was meant to require the operation of the train to be from the controlling locomotive.

The impetus for the original law was to address the legitimate concerns of Wisconsin citizens and railroad employees that one-person operations will be implemented on Wisconsin Central, Ltd. The other safety concern addressed by the Legislature was the potential for operation of locomotives by means of remote control. In the decision rendered by the United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin in Case No. 97-C-1382, the Court said:

"The safety concerns addressed by the Wisconsin statute appear to be those posed by the use of one-person crews and remote control specifically in longer-distance or overthe-road operation"

That concern remains. It is the opinion of the BLE that the amendments proposed by the UTU do not address remote control and may actually promote it. The BLE therefore requests your consideration to the following amendment. We believe it will restore the original intent of the 1997-1998 Legislature in AB-35.

192.25 (2) No person operating or controlling any railroad, as defined in § 85.01 (5), may allow the operation of any railroad train or locomotive in this state unless the railroad train or locomotive has a crew of at least 2 individuals, one of whom shall be present in the cab and operate the control locomotive at all times. The other crew member shall be present in the cab at all times that the railroad train or locomotive is in motion, but may dismount the railroad train or locomotive when necessary to perform switching activities and other duties in the course of his or her job.

According to Wisconsin Chapter 192, § 192.15

(a) "Cab" means the crew compartment of the engine.

(b) "Control unit" means the unit which controls the movement of

multiple units.

(c) "Engine" means a locomotive or a unit propelled by any form of energy, or combination of energy, or a combination of such units operated from a single source of control, used in train or yard service.

It takes time to do a thing right, to have a safe public and safe employees we should assure ourselves that this time is the only time the Legislature will have to revisit this issue.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of public safety.

Sincerely:

Keith C. Luebke





United Transportation Union

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March 6, 2000

Via Facsimile & US Mail

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Before the November 3, 1998 General Election, the United Transportation Union (UTU) Wisconsin Legislative Board (board) mailed out several thousand election endorsement brochures (See Enclosure) to all of its active and retired members and to many of the active and retired members of other rail labor organizations, recommending that they vote for every member of your Republican Assembly Caucus. No other railroad labor organization can make that statement. Neither can the AFL-CIO. No other Wisconsin rail labor organization mailed out any election endorsements. Before the November General Election, we proudly stood with The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson in Milwaukee and endorsed his reelection campaign. The AFL-CIO was not there.

At the beginning of the 1999-2000 Legislative Session, you personally approached the board and asked us to make a Transportation Political Education League (TPEL) (political action committee) contribution to your caucus' Republican Assembly Campaign Committee (RACC). We enthusiastically agreed to contribute. (See Enclosure) At that meeting, we discussed the relationship between your caucus and the UTU in Wisconsin. Recently, The Honorable Daniel P. Vrakas contacted the board asking for another TPEL RACC contribution. The board honored his request. (See Enclosure)

In February of this year the Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads informed the board that Wisconsin Statute 192.25 Railroad train crews does not require two (2) crew members in the lead locomotive cab compartment of all trains and engines moving throughout Wisconsin. The only reason for enacting s. 192.25 was to ensure the presence of two (2) qualified railroad employes in the lead locomotive cab compartment of all trains and engines moving throughout Wisconsin. Because of the commissioners ruling, the board asked The Honorable Eugene H. Hahn to draft an amendment to s. 192.25 that would mandate the presence of two (2) qualified railroad employes in the lead locomotive cab compartment of all trains and engines moving throughout Wisconsin, and he agreed to do so. We asked Representative Hahn because he is our friend and he has developed an expertise in railroad operations and railroad safety. He knows how important crew oversight and crew interaction are to Wisconsin-Railroad-Public-Safety. Before our discussion with Representative Hahn, we met with Assembly Republican Majority Leader, The Honorable Steven M. Foti, and informed him of our dilemma and asked for his insight and support. We then met with The Honorable David A. Brandemuehl, Chairperson, Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Transportation, seeking his insight and support. The majority leader and the chairperson understand our position and agreed to assist us. We do not like to create problems for you and your caucus because we appreciate Republican Assembly Caucus support and the UTU respects its sensibilities, and that is why we sought out the insight and support of two (2) of its leaders.

We then informed all Wisconsin UTU members of the assistance and commitment we have received from Representatives Foti, Brandemuehl, Hahn, and every Republican cosponsor. We were delighted to do so.

Because of all of this, it appears difficult to ask for better treatment from the Wisconsin Assembly Republican Caucus.



The Honorable Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly March 6, 2000 Page Two

On the other hand, we have been unable to meet with you personally, and we believe that is because you may not allow this legislation onto the assembly calendar between now and the end of the current legislative session. Is that a true statement? If it is, why is it true? If it is, it concerns us because in 1999 when I left the meeting at which I made myself available to you, at your request, so that you could ask the board for its continued financial assistance, I believed that the Republican Assembly Caucus and the UTU were going to be working together. No member of your caucus has ever helped the UTU and not received its gratitude, its election endorsement, and in many cases TPEL assistance. We can say the same about your party colleagues in the Wisconsin Senate. The board has not, will not, and cannot abandon its friends. When Assembly Bill 35, which became s. 192.25, was before the 1997-98 Legislature, every member of the Wisconsin Assembly, including The Honorable Scott R. Jensen, voted for it. (See enclosure) When the governor signed AB 35 into law he said, "it makes good sense." The board membership responded to all of that Republican support by backing all of your colleagues in their 1998 reelection bids and by contributing financial support to many of them and to RACC. We have also made our members aware that our good friend, Representative Hahn expects to face stiff reelection competition and that we expect to stand by him throughout his reelection bid. If this amendment passes, Representative Hahn (on your caucus' endangered list) can expect a big lift to his reelection campaign. Unfortunately, the board will not be able to convince anyone that we must support anyone in your caucus if we cannot get s. 192.25 changed. The time constraint we are under is not of our doing. It has been thrust upon us. We undertake this change because the well being of our members and your constituents demands it. The amendment we support will create no new jobs. It will require no capitol outlay by any Wisconsin corporation. It will put the two (2) railroad employes already on trains in the best possible location to protect the best interest of their employer, protect the public interacting with their train, and ensure that in the case of an emergency everyone knows what is going on and what needs to be done instantaneously.

The United Transportation Union (UTU) makes few requests of the Wisconsin Legislature. When we ask for something, please be assured that it is important to us and, as often as not, important to Wisconsin-Railroad-Public-Safety, as in the instant case. Furthermore, what we ask from you — support for LRB 4488/2 - is logical, reasonable, easily accomplished, and important to Wisconsin-Railroad-Public-Safety. It is not too much to ask for a safer Wisconsin because it does, in fact, make good sense.

The UTU has proven, again and again, that we are here for you and your colleagues. Now, we ask that you be there for Wisconsin-Railroad-Public-Safety.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important Wisconsin-Railroad-Public-Safety issue, and for your continued leadership in the Wisconsin Legislature.

We all look forward to hearing from you in this matter at your earliest opportunity.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Dwyer II Director

Enclosures (3)

Cc The Honorable Steven M. Foti
The Honorable David A. Brandemuehl
The Honorable Eugene H. Hahn
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A copy of our report filed with the Federal Election commission is available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

January 26, 2000

By Hand

Republican Assembly Campaign Committee Bonnie L. Ladwig, Treasurer Post Office Box 215 Madison, Wisconsin 53701-0215

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Enclosed please find United Transportation Union (UTU) Transportation Political Education League (TPEL) check number 8081 in the amount of \$3,5000.00 and payable to the: "REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE."

We are presenting this check to you on behalf of the active and retired Wisconsin membership and families of the UTU - railroad labor's foremost organization.

These funds are voluntarily contributed by our Wisconsin members to assist our many friends with the expense of running for election and re-election to public office. We are proud to point out that the politically active members – working and retired – of Wisconsin's various UTU Locals, have purposely provided these TPEL funds!

We know that you will see that they are well invested in the future of railroading and railroad labor in Wisconsin and the United States.

Thank you for your consideration on this and for the leadership you provide the State of Wisconsin.

Kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas P. Dwyer II Wisconsin Chair

Enclosure (1)

cc: Wisconsin's Active & Retired UTU Families Timothy S. Deneen, Wisconsin Vice Chair Robert L. LaGesse, Wisconsin Secretary

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June 30, 1999

By Hand

Republican Assembly Campaign Committee Bonnie L. Ladwig, Treasurer Post Office Box 215 Madison, Wisconsin 53701-0215

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Enclosed please find United Transportation Union (UTU) Wisconsin Transportation Political Education League (TPEL) check number 7193 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and payable to the: "Republican Assembly Campaign Committee."

We are presenting this check to you on behalf of the active and retired Wisconsin membership and families of the UTU - railroad labor's foremost organization.

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Thomas P. Dwyer II Wisconsin Chair

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cc: Wisconsin's Active & Retired UTU Families Timothy S. Deneen, Wisconsin Vice Chair Robert L. LaGesse, Wisconsin Secretary

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No person operating or controlling any railroad may allow the operation of any railroad train or locomotive in this state unless the railroad train or locomotive has a crew of at least two (2) persons present in the cab of the controlling locomotive. One (1) person shall be a certified locomotive engineer; the other person shall be either a certified locomotive engineer or a person qualified as either a railroad trainman or conductor. A certified locomotive engineer shall operate the control locomotive at all times. The other crew member shall be present in the cab of the controlling locomotive when in motion but, may dismount the train or locomotive when necessary to perform switching activities and other duties in the course of his job. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Certified locomotive engineer" means a person certified as a train service engineer, locomotive servicing engineer or student engineer; under 49 CFR Part 240.
- (2) "Qualified railroad trainman or conductor" means a person who has successfully completed and passed an examination on railroad operation rules.
- (3) "Cab" means that portion of the superstructure designed to be occupied by the crew operating the locomotive.
- (4) "Controlling locomotive" means the locomotive from which the propulsion system, the sanders, and the power brake system of each locomotive, whether coupled in remote or multiple operation, respond.

These provisions shall not apply to the operation by maintenance workers within a designated shop or repair area.

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Tuesday, November 3, 1998 General Election **Candidate Recommendations**

United States Senate

Russell D. Feingold* (Democrat)

United States House of Representatives

Tâmmy Bdfwin (Democrat)
Ronald J. Kind* (Democrat)
Gerald D. Kleczka* (Democrat)
Thomas M. Barrett* (Democrat)
Thomas E. Peri* (Republican)
David R. Obey* (Democrat)
Jay W. Johnson* (Democrat)
No Recommendation* ood (Democrat)

Tommy G. Thompson* (Republican) Attorney General James E. Doyle* (Democrat)

Wisconsin State Senate & Assembly Election Recommendations

Alan J. Lasee* (Republican)
Brian B. Burke* (Democrat)
Peggy A. Rosenzweig* (Republican)
Richard A. Grobschmid* (Democrat)
James R. Baumgart (Democrat)
Joanne B. Huelsman* (Republican)
Scott L. Fitzgerald* (Republican)
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Judith B. Robson (Democrat)
Dale W. Schullz* (Republican)
Michael G. Ellis* (Republican)
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A. Zein* (Republican)
David A. Zein* (Republican)
Robert A. Jauch* (Democrat)
Jon Erpenbach (Democrat)
Russell S. Decker* (Democrat)
Rosell S. Decker* (Republican)
Margaret A. Farrow* (Republican) Wisconsin Assembly

Lewis Rosser (Democrat)
Carol Owens* (Republican)
Gregg A. Underheim* (Republican)
Dean R. Kaufert* (Republican)
Judith A. Klusman* (Republican)
Judith A. Klusman* (Republican)
Steven Wieckert* (Republican)
Michael A. Lehman* (Republican)
Glenn Grothman* (Republican)
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John W. Lehman* (Democrat)
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John P. Steinbrink* (Democrat)
Jonnes E. Kreuser* (Democrat)
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Cloyd A. Porter* (Republican)
Thomas O. Sykora* (Republican)
Thomas S. Schlafer* (Republican)
Charles S. Schlafer* (Republican) Julia Lassa (Democrat)
Marlin D. Schneider* (Democrat)
Frank J. Boyle* (Democrat)
Gary E. Sherman (Democrat)
Mary Hubler* (Democrat)
Teress Berceau (Democrat)
Spencer Black* (Democrat)
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Mark Pocan (Democrat)
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Michael D. Powers* (Republican) Joseph W. Handrick* (Republican)
Thomas D. Ourada* (Republican)
Lorraine M. Seratti* (Republican)
David W. Ward* (Republican)
Steven M. Foti* (Republican)
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Nobert G. Goetsch* (Republican)
Robert G. Goetsch* (Republican)
Lean L. Hundertmark (Republican)
Lean H. Spillner* (Republican)
Joan H. Spillner* (Republican)
Joan H. Spillner* (Republican)
Wayne W. Wood* (Democrat)
Daniel J. Schoof (Democrat)
Luther G. Democrat)
Luther H. Hahn* (Republican)
Wayne W. Wood* (Democrat)
David A. Brandemuehl* (Republican)
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Donald W. Hasenohrl* (Democrat)

Annette Polly Williams* (Democrat)
Johnnie Morris-Tatum* (Democrat)
Shirley I. Krug* (Democrat)
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David A. Cullen* (Democrat)
Scott K. Walker* (Republican)
Anthony Staskunas* (Democrat)
Leon D. Young* (Democrat)
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Antonio R. Riley* (Democrat)
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Robert M. Dueholm* (Democrat)
Joseph A. Plouff* (Democrat)
James Johnson (Democrat)
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Steven L. Nass* (Republican)
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Daniel P. Vrakas* (Republican)
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John La Fave* (Democrat)
Suzanne Jeskewitz* (Republican)
Robert F. Ziegelbauer* (Democrat) imothy J. Lorenz (Democrat)

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87th Martin L. Reynolds* (Democrat)
87th Carol Kelso* (Republican)
87th John G. Gard* (Republican)
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Ensure Our Future - Vote! On or Before ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998

These are the election endorsements made by the Executive Committee of the United Transportation Union Wisconsin Legislative Board (Board).

The endorsements are based upon the record of the candidate over the last 6.4, or 2 years. If a candidate has received your Board's endorsement, it is because he or she has earned your support. Your Board does not use political party affiliation as a criterion for endorsement. If it did, it would have to endorse against people who have earned your support. The Board endorses your proven friends - regardless of party.

Board endorsements are based upon a candidate's record. Your Board focuses solely upon railroad industry issues related to the railroad safety, the railroad work environment, state and federal regulations affecting railroad workers, our families and our railroad retirees. Issues such as: the federal Hours of Service Act, the US Railroad Retirement Board, the Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA), all other federal legislation that will regulate railroads, issues concerning the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Amtrak (national and local service), crew consist (Engineer & Conductor), railroad safety, public safety, federal and state funding for safety, befear and state funding for railroad revitalization. We also consider a candidate's demonstrated willingness to work with railroad alabor on these and other issues. Your Board appreciates that there are other political issues of importance to each of you. Be that as it may your Board appreciates that there are only in the safety and it is not empowered to consider any of them. On how issues, what one member is for, another will be against the three (1) issues we can all agree upon are the three your built to accent step with: 1) your economic security; 2) with safety and; 3) the Railroad Retirement Act. Monitor and retirece issues is a full time responsibility.

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retirement? How these issues are dealt with by Congress, the Justice Department and the U.S. Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Board (SURFBOARD, formerly the ICC) will determine your future. Closer to home, Wisconsin is about to embark upon a commuter rail program. Therefore, there is a lot riving upon the outcome of this election. When the state and federal government pies are sliced, what do you want? A.) Your Equitable Slice or B.) Crumbs?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998, will be a momentous day

You are about to elect a U.S. Senator, nine (9) U.S. Congressmen, a state governor, an Attorney General, a Secretary of State, a state treasurer, seventeen (17) state senators and ninety-nine (99) state assembly representatives.

These elections will determine who will govern you in Washington and Madison. Who governs determines how you live. Presidential Emergency Board 219 determined your future. It was not negotiated. It was legislated. Who governs determines how you live. Wisconsin Assembly Bill 35 was signed into law. It mandates a conductor and engineer on every train and engine operating in Wisconsin. Raifroad retirement was legislated.

Six (6) years ago you elected U.S. Senator Russ Feingold. Four (4) years ago you reelected Governor Thompson and Attorney Coneral Dayle. You also elected the state treasurer, and Secretary of State. Two (2) years ago you elected sixteen (16) senators and ninety-nine (99) state assembly representatives. You elected/hired these people to do a job - representatives. You provided them with travel allowances, meals and lodging (hetter lodging and meal pay than you receive from your employer), a modern, well equipped, full staffed office, full health care insurance and a good salary. You provided tax dollars to pay for it all. For 6, 4 or 2 years they have performed at your expense.

How have they done? Are you satisfied with their performance? Are you ready to rehire them? Is it time for a change?

Tuesday, November 3, 1998, is decision time. What will it be:
Hire_____ Fire_____

Those decisions thow you vote) are important to every American and Wisconsinctitzen, because everyone has to live with your decisions. We can live with your decisions - if they take place at the polls. We can because that's how our government works - Participatory Governance based upon Majority Rule. However, if you choose not to participate at the polls, you are oppressing us all. You are forcing minority rule upon us all; Minority Rule was the reason this country was founded. Oppression from abroad was the reason the American Revolution took place. "No Taxation Without Representation!" Unfortunately we have replaced foreign oppression with self-inflicted Domestic Oppression. Every election fever of us choose to practice democracy We do not vote. Every election results in minority rule. If 50% of the population votes, it takes only 25% (plus one (...) 50% plus one (...) of the population to win an election. 50% of 100 = 50 50% plus one (...) of 100 is 26. Twenty-six (26) people dictate how 100 people are educated, are taxed, are allowed to work, travel, allowed to practice religion, live within their homes (random drug testing), speak out in public (protest government activity, advocate unionism). Where is the farness/democracy in that? You are being held captive by a very small, very powerful, minority. Is that all right with you? There are 3 million people in Wisconsin, Less than 1.250,001 of them (50% plus I vote of 1/2 of all Wisconsin citizens) are detenting your lifestyle. Are you content with that? It is once

again time to become your brother and sisters keepers. It is time to re-involve all voting age Americans in the American Democratic Electoral Process. Those who have chosen to withdraw from the process are oppressing all of us. They are responsible for minority rule and the reemergence of a malicious, oppressive class system in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Your wages are down, you work longer, you work more with less help. Do you want that to change? How can that happen? It will not, can not, without a lot of help from all you nonvoting brothers and sisters, friends, neighbors, families. American pollsters are predicting a turnout of less than 30% (possibly below 20%) for the <u>Tuesday, November, 3.</u> 1928, general election. Only you can prove these predictions wrong. Only you can end the oppression and Minority Rule in America and Wisconsin!

To do that we must all get more politically involved. Today! We must get involved today and every day until the election and every day after the election. Call all of the voters in your family and ask them when they plan to vote, how they plan to get to the polls, do they need a ride. You should also try to influence how they vote. It is your business. How they vote determines how you live. Whether they vote determines how you live. The quality of your life depends upon the political involvement of all your peers. Voting is self-help. Political practice alone.

Democracy is a Family Value

American Elections Are Every American's Business!

Workers of the World Unite - At the Voting Booth! Vote today! Take the Whole Neighborhood With You!

If you are an active railroad employee, take no risk. Vote today. Vote Absentee!!! You can go to your city or town clerk's office and vote today. Voting absentee is quicker than going to the polls. Railroad labor needs every vote, from every family member. If you are an active railroader you can not afford to wait until election day because you may not be home to vote at the polls on election day. <u>Huesday. November. 3.</u> 1998. So please, vote absentee and do it today. When you go to the polls take mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, and the neighbors with you!

If you are a retiree plan your voting strategy today. Get you neighbors and other retirees involved. Talk with your former coworkers too! You have to assume that they do not vote RS1) are detrimental to your Railroad Retirement Act pension. Is that okacy with you? Do you want Wall Street handling your pension?

Between now and Truesday. November, 3, 1998, we all have the responsibility as citizens of the United States to vote to elect or reclect US Senator Russ Feingold and Wisconsin; nine (9) members of the House Representatives. As citizens of Wisconsin; will be the House Representatives, as citizens of Wisconsin; will be our responsibility to elect. or reclect sixteen (16) state senators and all inhery-nine (99) state assembly members. Some of us will also be called upon to elect city and county representatives.

Unite & Vote! Our future and our dignity are at the ballot box

Thank you for your time and attention to this, and especially for your continued support!

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If you refer to the listings in the brochure you will see our recommendations for each of those districts.

The first number will be between 001 and 009. The second number will be between 001 and 033. The third number will be between 001 and 099. The people listed in these districts are the people who have established a record of service worthy of your vote. We hope this information will be of assistance to you. If you do not reside in Wisconsin, the numbers listed are CORRECT for your state, unfortunately the candidates are not listed.

The Wisconsin Legislative Board has to work with the people you elect. Chose wisely.

Hang this on the refrigerator as a reminder until you do vote

Take This Pamphlet (and the Neighborhood) With You When You Go To Vote!